



Sylvia Evis Garza

July 23, 1962 - July 2, 2025

Sylvia Evis Garza, 62, entered the Lord's Kingdom on July 2, 2025. She was born on July 23, 1962, in Harlingen, Texas, to Israel and Petra Cano.

Sylvia devoted her life to her faith, her calling as an educator, and the love of her family. She proudly served as a teacher for over 30 years at First Baptist Church of Brownsville, Burns Elementary, Gallegos Elementary, and Crockett Elementary in Harlingen, touching the lives of countless students and colleagues.

A devoted and active member of Primera Iglesia Bautista, Sylvia held various leadership roles, including Children's Church Director and Sunday School Director, and served on multiple church committees. Despite physical challenges, she remained steadfast in her faith, and the Lord inspired one of her most meaningful ministries, "Monday Message." Each week, without fail, she shared a Bible verse and a note of encouragement with friends and loved ones, reminding them they were loved, prayed for, and never alone.

Sylvia had a gift for listening, a warm laugh that could fill a room, and a joyful spirit that lifted those around her. She had a quick wit, a sharp sense of humor, and was a natural storyteller—often becoming the heart of any gathering she attended. Her presence was unforgettable, and her ability to make others smile was unmatched.

Her greatest joy in life was her family. Sylvia was a devoted wife, a loving daughter, a proud and supportive mother, a caring sister, and a joyful grandmother. She would do anything for those she loved and was always there with open arms, a kind word, and a heart full of grace.

She is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Sabas Garza III; her mother, Petra R. Cano; her children, Jose Alfredo (Dulce) Rodriguez Jr., Sarah Alyssa Rodriguez, Cynthia Evis (Raul) Gutierrez, Sabas Garza IV, and Jose Israel Garza; her grandchildren, Aaleyah and Amelia Rodriguez, David and Diego Gutierrez, Alyssa, Austin, and Ann Jolie Garza; and her grandpup, Zeke. She is also survived by her only brother, Israel (Ana) Cano III, and nephews, Israel IV and David Cano; and by many aunts, uncles and cousins, extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Israel Cano Jr.

Visitation will be held at Rudy Garza Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a prayer service at 7:00 PM, led by Pastor Roberto Rodriguez of Primera Iglesia Bautista. Funeral services will begin on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the funeral home, followed by burial at Mont Meta Cemetery.

Sylvia's legacy of faith, compassion, and love will continue to live on through the many lives she touched. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Cemetery Details

Mont Meta Memorial Park

26170 Texas 345
San Benito, TX 78586
(956) 399-3097

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel of Peace
1702 E. Harrison Ave.
Harlingen, TX 78550

Burial

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mont Meta Memorial Park
26170 Texas 345
San Benito, TX 78586
(956) 399-3097

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *May you rest in peace my beautiful friend. What great memories of our college days in American Literature and cracking jokes about Billy Budd, sailor. It was a pleasure working with you at Sears, you were always smiling and laughing and made the time go quickly. I will miss you my friend. Rest in peace.*

Daniel Reza - July 11, 2025 at 04:15 PM

MN

“ *Michael , Erika, Erik, William, and Noel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.*



Michael , Erika, Erik, William, and Noel - July 08, 2025 at 01:49 PM

JG

“ *Julie, Eva, & Valerie Garza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Evis Garza.*

Julie, Eva, & Valerie Garza - July 07, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JG

“ *Julie, Eva, & Valerie Garza purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.*



Julie, Eva, & Valerie Garza - July 07, 2025 at 06:35 PM

OF

“ Omar Martinez y Familia purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.



Omar Martinez y Familia - July 07, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sylvia Evis Garza.

July 07, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.



July 07, 2025 at 01:54 PM

YF

“ Your CSRK Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Evis Garza.

Your CSRK Family - July 07, 2025 at 01:07 PM

YF

“ Your CSRK Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.



Your CSRK Family - July 07, 2025 at 01:07 PM

YT

“ Your Kohl's Team purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.



Your Kohl's Team - July 07, 2025 at 01:03 PM

DF

“ DeOrnellas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Evis Garza.

DeOrnellas Family - July 07, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DF

“ DeOrnellas Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.



DeOrnellas Family - July 07, 2025 at 12:11 PM

RH

“ My deepest condolences to the Rodriguez, Garza, and Cano family.

Whenever I think back on the happiest times of my life, I always return to the season when my Tia Silvia and my cousins became part of our family. When she married my Tio Third it felt like my family was finally complete, like a missing piece of my heart was found.

Some of my fondest memories are with them. The time I spent in their home was a time when I felt truly loved, energized, silly, and safe.

My Tia Silvia was one of the most special people I've ever known. Hilarious, witty, strong, and deeply loving. She was a steady light in my life. A true angel.

She will be deeply missed, but I know she's watching over all of us, continuing her ministry and praying over us.

Rose Hinojosa - July 05, 2025 at 11:15 AM

IM

“ Irasema M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Evis Garza.

Irasema M. - July 05, 2025 at 10:48 AM

DE

“ David & Stella Earhart purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sylvia Evis Garza.



David & Stella Earhart - July 04, 2025 at 12:43 PM

DE

“ David & Stella Earhart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Evis Garza.

David & Stella Earhart - July 04, 2025 at 12:43 PM

SG

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Rodriguez, Garza, and Cano family.
My fond memories of Sylvia are many. I loved the stories she would tell; full of humor that we could not stop laughing. Her ministry that touched so many lives. I remember her sharing of how she wanted to start a ministry through text messaging. Even though she was home bound she felt the calling to continue to serve God. Fast forward years later, before her death, she touched so many lives through this ministry including mine. Sylvia I will miss you. Love you.
Susie

Susana Galvan - July 04, 2025 at 03:27 AM

RL

A faithful testimony, a heart of love and compassion. Our prayers are lifted up. May the Lord be our comfort and hope.

Rosendo Lopez - July 04, 2025 at 07:48 PM

LP

My sincere condolences to the Garza & Cano families.

Sylvia and I were best friends beginning in Coakley and through graduation.

After which we lost touch with each other. I would often think of her through the years and pray she was doing well. I missed very much especially her wit, her laughter and knowing she was there for me as I was for her. Well 40 years passed and my father passed away and someone was texting beautiful prayers to me for days when I finally asked who it was that was texting.

The phone rang and I heard her beautiful voice I was so happy!!!! I would often pray to God to bring us together again and here she was on the phone! Ever since December 2022 I would receive text on Monday morning. I so looked forward to seeing her text. Many many times we would talk and I was amazed of her faith in God. She's always been a blessing to me and I will forever remember my best friend Sylvia.

This coming Monday I will remember her and I will miss her until we meet again.

I love you Sylvia 🌹

Lynette Lozano Palomo - July 04, 2025 at 11:42 PM